SUBJECT No. 306.

More lands out of Kallodebore Amrut Mahal kaval for cultivation.

Mr. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—As the 409 acres of the Kallodebore Amrut Mahal kaval which were thrown open for cultivation were insufficient, 500 acres more were requested to be given out for cultivation to meet the demand of the raiyats of Katanhalli, Menagahalli and other villages. An endorsement has been granted stating that the Amrut Mahal Department are not prepared to grant the same. Within a distance of two miles from this kaval there are the Kalhalli, Ragihalli and Gatipurgudda kavals, the grazing rights over which are being annually sold. These may be reserved and portions of Kallodebore kaval may be given out for cultivation without auction.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for further enquiry.

SUBJECT No. 307.

Grazing fees.

Mr. Dasappa, Arsikere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—A rate of four annas per head of cattle and of one anna and a half per sheep is being levied from the raiyats for grazing in the Hirikalgudda State Forest. This is a source of hardship to the raiyats of the villages adjoining it. The services of these raiyats are often utilized by the Forest Department, sometimes even without wages. It is therefore requested that no grazing fee be levied from them.

*Reply of Government.*—The rates have been fixed after careful consideration of the requirements of the villagers at the time of the settlement of the forest. The fees cannot be reduced.

SUBJECT No. 308.

Wood for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Dasappa, Arsikere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Permission may be granted to take wood free of cost for agricultural purposes from the Hirikalgudda State Forest as suitable wood is not available in the District Forest. The officials of the Forest Department do not permit the raiyats to cut the wood themselves but insist on its being cut departmentally.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 309.

Grazing in the Kolalbore State Forest.

Mr. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk

*Summary of discussion.*—The Kolalbore Forest in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk is 2,032 acres in extent and grazing used to be permitted therein on payment of fees. From last year the grazing rights are being sold by auction and the purchasers demand fees at one rupee per head of cattle. As this is a source of hardship to poor raiyats the usual fixed fees may be ordered to be levied. As the raiyats of the adjoining villages have not got enough of lands for cultivation 1,000 acres of the forest may be thrown open for cultivation.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner.